

REMARKS

1. Applicant traverses the distinction made by the Examiner regarding the distinction between vertical or inclined pilings. The applicant believes that there is no patentable distinction between the vertical or inclined nature of the pilings used. FIGS. 1 and 5-10 are believed to constitute a single indistinct species. Claim 1 has been amended to cancel "vertically disposed" in line 2.

Applicant selects the single species of FIGS. 1 and 5-10.

2. With regard to the species of cable-handling units (CHU), applicant selects the species of FIG. 3.

3. Applicant provisionally selects Claims 1, 3-8 and 17 to prosecute herein. Applicant also believes that Claims 9 and 15 should be included because the claims recite "inclined pilings as discussed hereinabove in paragraph 1.

In addition, applicant believes that any CHU can be used with any boat lift apparatus and no coordination is required.

Applicant believes that the above is fully responsive to the Office Action of 05/05/2005. In the event that there are any issues, applicant's undersigned attorney would appreciate a telephone interview.

Respectfully submitted,


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